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Thank you for your interest in admission to a United States Service Academy.

I will be making my nominations to the various service academies using a competitive system recommended by the academies. The process includes a personal interview, and a review of your application, essays, academic records, community involvement, and leadership experience.

An application form is enclosed for you to complete and return to my office. It is important that you have your completed application and all accompanying documents sent directly to my District Office before November 15, 2009. In addition, it is your responsibility to directly contact the academies you are interested in so that they may open the necessary admission files.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Nicolas Rodriquez of my district office at 213-483-1425. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Xavier Becerra", with a large, stylized loop at the end.

XAVIER BECERRA
Member of Congress

**APPLICATION FOR CONGRESSIONAL NOMINATION
FOR APPOINTMENT TO UNITED STATES SERVICE ACADEMIES**
CONGRESSMAN XAVIER BECERRA (CA-31)

FULL NAME: _____

LEGAL RESIDENCE: _____

City State Zip

MAILING ADDRESS: _____
(if different)

TELEPHONE: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

SOCIAL SECURITY #: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

MOTHER'S NAME: _____ FATHER'S NAME: _____

HIGH SCHOOL _____

ADDRESS _____

GRADE POINT AVERAGE _____ CLASS RANK ____ OUT OF ____

S.A. T. SCORES: Verbal _____ Math _____ A.C.T. SCORE: _____

COLLEGE (if applicable): _____

GRADE POINT AVERAGE: _____ MAJOR/MINOR: _____

U.S. CITIZENSHIP? Yes _____ No _____

ACADEMY PREFERENCE (Rank each academy in order of your preference from first to fourth):

_____ Air Force Academy

_____ Military Academy

_____ Merchant Marine Academy

_____ Naval Academy

DO YOU HAVE A PRE-CANDIDATE FILE CURRENTLY OPEN AT ANY
ACADEMY? IF YES, TO WHICH ACADEMY _____

HAVE YOU ALSO SOUGHT NOMINATION THROUGH ANOTHER OFFICE? IF
YES, WHAT OFFICE? _____

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

General Instructions

1. This application and all supporting information must be submitted to this office ON OR BEFORE November 15th.
2. Applicants must provide an official transcript from the last high school attended and all college work recorded (if applicable) along with your SAT or ACT test scores.
3. Three supporting letters of reference must be forwarded directly by the individual writing the reference. All letters must be from adults outside your immediate family, and at least one must be from a representative of the last education institution attended and one must describe the applicant's community involvement.
4. On separate pages, attach two essays. One should address how attendance at a U.S. Service Academy will help you achieve your career goals. The second should describe your extracurricular activities, honors, awards, and any other information that demonstrates your qualification for admission.
5. Mail your packet to:
Congressman Xavier Becerra
Attn: Service Academy Nomination
1910 Sunset Blvd, Ste 810
Los Angeles, CA 90026

Academy Nomination -- General Information

Applicants must be at least 17 years old and not yet 23 years old on July 1 of the year of entry to an academy (25 years old for U.S. Merchant Marine Academy). Applicants must be unmarried, not pregnant, and have no legal obligation to support children or other dependents. Applicants must be citizens of the United States and a legal resident of the 31st Congressional District of California.

Congressman Becerra and his staff will examine each candidate's academic achievement (including school records, SAT or ACT scores), community involvement, letters of recommendation, extracurricular activities, and evidence of character and leadership potential. Qualification for admission is based on these factors.

All applicants must take either the American College Testing Assessment (ACT) or the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT). Both tests are administered at site throughout the world. IT IS UP TO THE APPLICANT TO MAKE SURE THE SCORES ARE SENT TO THE ACADEMY AND TO CONGRESSMAN BECERRA'S DISTRICT OFFICE. Congressman Becerra's SAT Code is 0178 and ACT Code is 7270 to have scores sent directly to his office. The exams may be taken as many times as desired. Only the best scores will be considered with the application. For more information on the exams and the dates they will be offered, contact your high school counselor or write:

Registration Department
American College Testing (ACT) Program
PO Box 414
Iowa City, IA 52243

College Entrance Examination Board (SAT)
Registration Department
PO Box 1025
Berkeley, CA 94704

If nominated, you will be notified no later than February 1, of the year seeking admission. If offered an appointment, you will receive notice by May 1. If not selected, you may apply the following year. Many applicants attend college for a year or two before seeking admission to an Academy.

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE APPLICANT TO SEE THAT HIS/HER APPLICATION AND OTHER REQUIRED INFORMATION REACHES THE OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN BECERRA.

Applicants are encouraged to call Congressman Becerra's District Office at 213-483-1425 if they have any questions.